

**Historic Preservation Committee Meeting
Mariner's Middle School
Milton, DE
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
7:00 PM**

1. Roll call of members:

Jack Vessels	Present
Michael Ostinato	Absent
Sally Harkins	Present
Gwen Foehner	Present
Richard Grieg	Absent
Amy Kratz	Present
Brenda Burns	Present

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Brenda Burns: Are there any additions or corrections to the Agenda?

Jack Vessels: I make a motion that we accept the agenda as written.

Amy Kratz: Second.

Brenda Burns: All in favor. Opposed. Agenda approved.

3. Additions or Corrections to the Minutes of September 9, 2008

Brenda Burns: Are there any additions or corrections to the Minutes of September 9, 2008? Are there any questions?

Jack Vessels: I make a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2008, as written.

Gwen Foehner: Second.

Brenda Burns: All in favor. Opposed. Minutes approved.

4. Business

Brenda Burns: The Applicant is Truitt Jefferson. He's requesting approval for the following. To move the existing structure 5' north to a new foundation and construct a new addition to the back of the existing structure; exterior renovations to existing structure to include new windows; hearty board siding; front porch flooring and install a fence around the entire property. The property is located at 416 Union Street, further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2-35-14.19 Parcel 33. Is there anyone here on behalf of Mr. Jefferson?

Truitt Jefferson: Just Mr. Jefferson.

Brenda Burns: Hello, Mr. Jefferson. Do you have anything to say?

Truitt Jefferson: What I'm trying to do is... This is the last house that I'm trying to make some substantial improvements to and I went through a lot of trouble to get every property I have on Union Street to have it's own deed and in doing so, the driveway that we use now for 416 is half on 414, so by moving the house north that allows me room to have my driveway on the south side, which would be a little bit warmer, and, it will spread the houses out and I just think it will look

better. It's going to cost a little bit to do that. It's a small square house. Currently on the first floor there's a formal living room, a kitchen and a dining room and there is no bath on the first floor. The washer and dryer is kind of, the washer is in the kitchen and the dryer is out in another room. It just doesn't flow like it should. Upstairs there are three bedrooms; there's one small bathroom (I would like to make that a little bit bigger); but by moving it and adding a little bit onto the back, I can make another nice room; put a bathroom there; get a utility room and a half bath so the house can become more serviceable. Eventually somebody may want it, other than me just renting it out. That's what I'm trying to do is make the house hopefully more appealing when I do get around to selling it and in the meantime maybe I can attract good tenants to rent it; so I've been very fortunate in that respect. It's a little tough, but my man can do it and we'll move the whole house. The back shed originally I wanted to take it off and throw it away and build a new one. That was kind of a no no. So we're going to move the whole thing over and then we're going to add on to the end and then we're going to bring an A-roof up from the new part, all the way up to the house. So it will look a lot better.

Brenda Burns: What about that out building that's in the back?

Truitt Jefferson: The out building in the back; if you say I can tear it down it will be gone Friday.

Brenda Burns: It's sort of... I don't know if anybody's had the opportunity to look at it. It is in pretty bad condition.

Truitt Jefferson: I've talked to the people in the Town. I want to tear it down. I need approval. There's a moratorium and I know it may not be a big thing, but I'm trying to follow what the Town wants and try to not make waves, if I don't have to.

Brenda Burns: I don't know that we can approve that; that's a demolition issue.

Truitt Jefferson: I was hoping that building would get condemned.

Sally Harkins: It should be condemned from the looks of it.

Brenda Burns: Does anyone from the Board have any questions for Mr. Jefferson.

Amy Kratz: I have one question. What did you say? You were saying something about the shed in the back you were going to do something to it, besides tear it down?

Truitt Jefferson: There's an old one car garage back there. That's original to the lot. I don't think it's worth fixing up. It could fall down real easy and I have plans already drawn up for another garage and it will go back in the same spot basically, but I'll adhere to the setbacks, the 6' on each side; but it will be just a little bit wider and it will be an A-roof with cedar shake. But I can't do that until I get rid of the old one.

Amy Kratz: I understand. You meant this portion in the back.

Truitt Jefferson: Yes, that portion in the back. We're going to move all that over and basically then we're going to add on to it, like the plans show; and then we're going to bring in an A-roof up so the shed roof will not show up when it's all done.

Brenda Burns: Would anybody care to make a motion?

Jack Vessels: I move that approve this application.

Gwen Foehner: Second.

Brenda Burns: Roll call vote:

Amy Kratz	Approve
Gwen Foehner	Approve
Brenda Burns	Approve
Jack Vessels	Approve
Sally Harkins	Approve

Brenda Burns: So moved.

5. Adjournment

Brenda Burns: There being no further business, I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

Jack Vessels: I make a motion we adjourn.

Sally Harkins: Second the motion to adjourn.

Brenda Burns: All in favor. Opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.